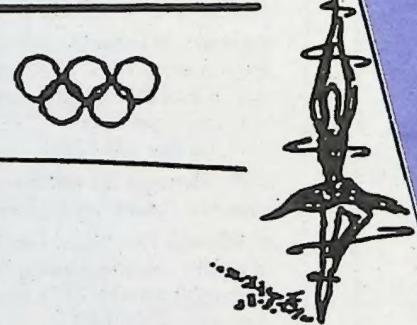


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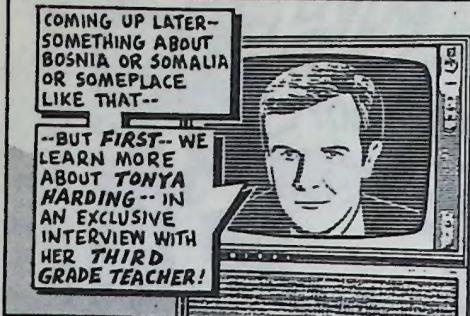
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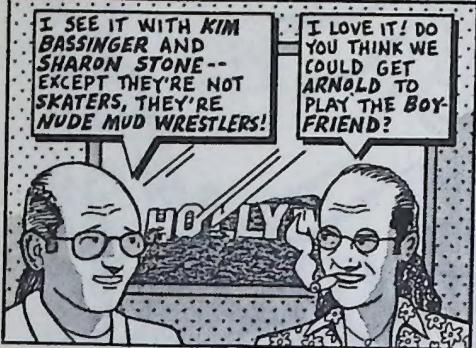
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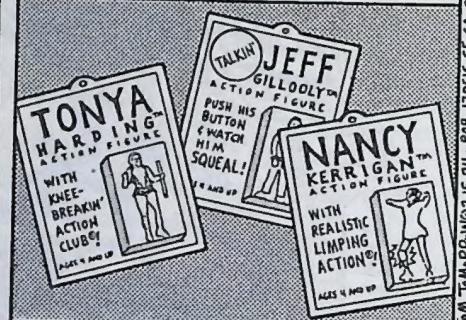
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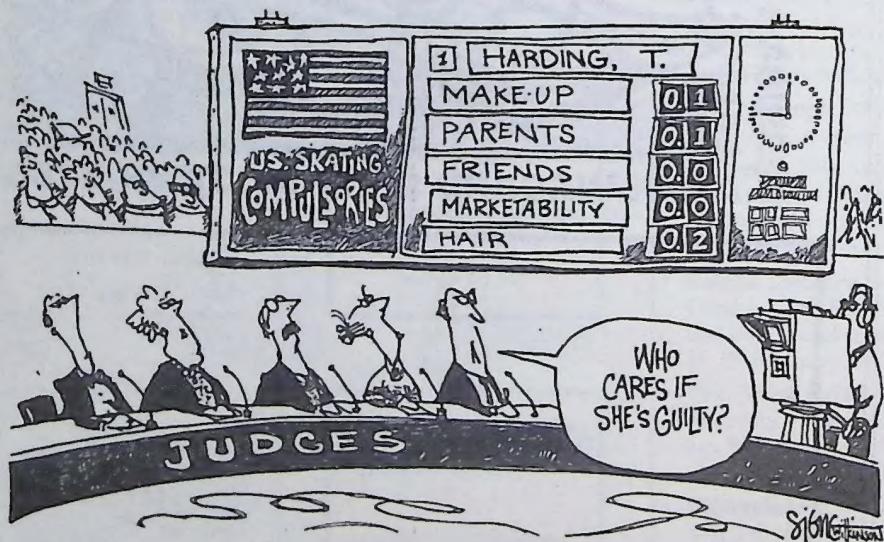
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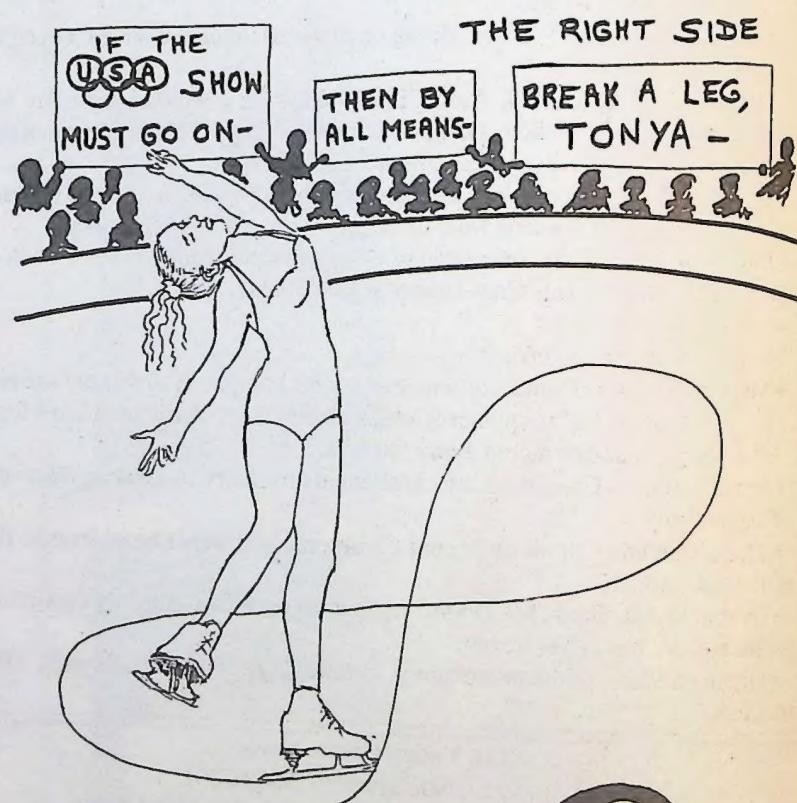
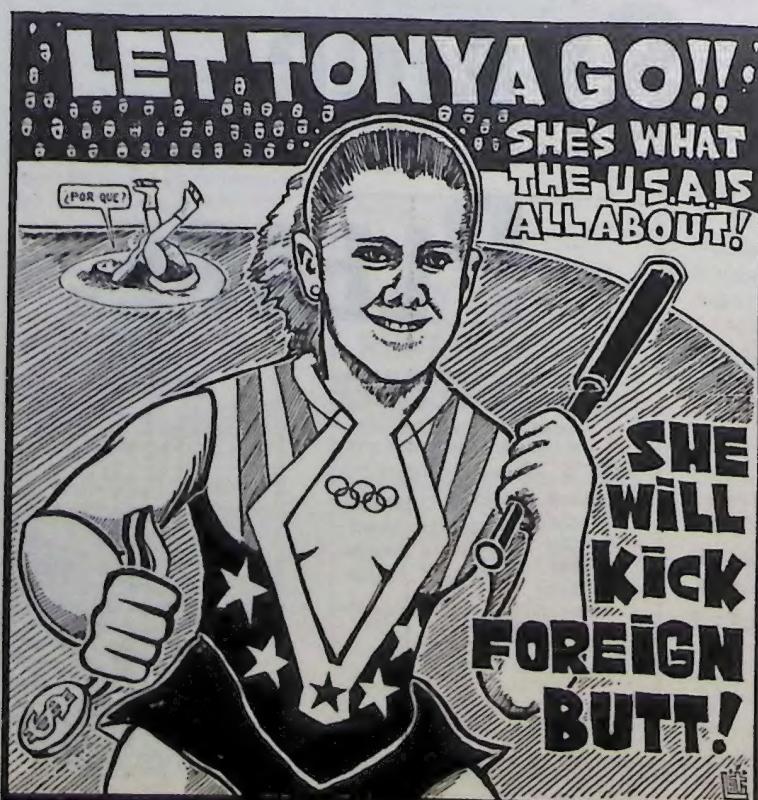
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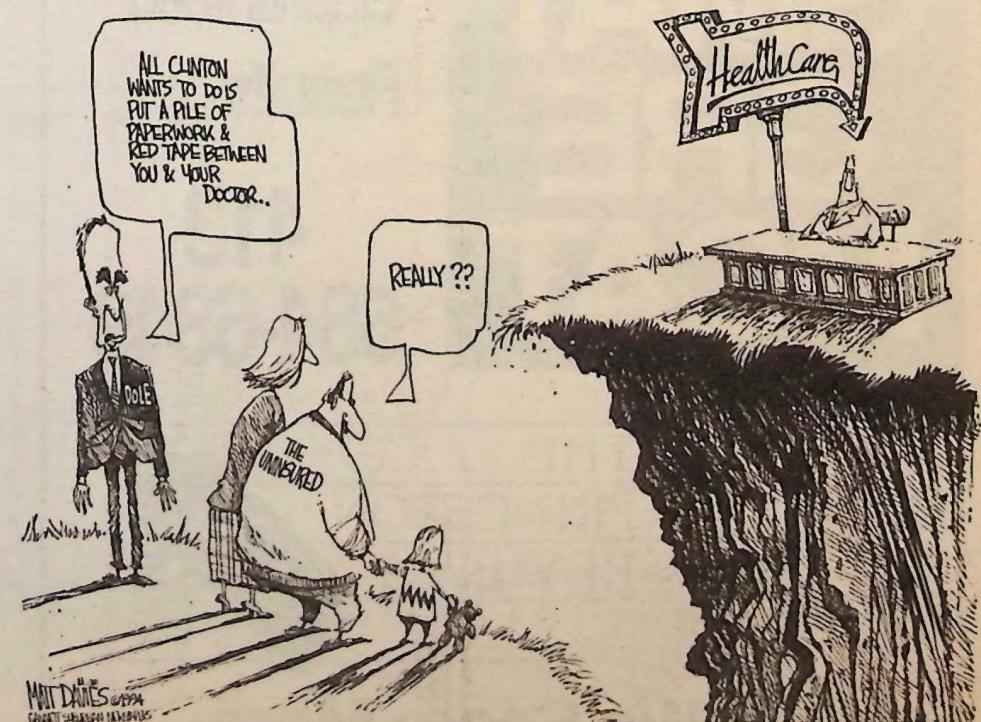
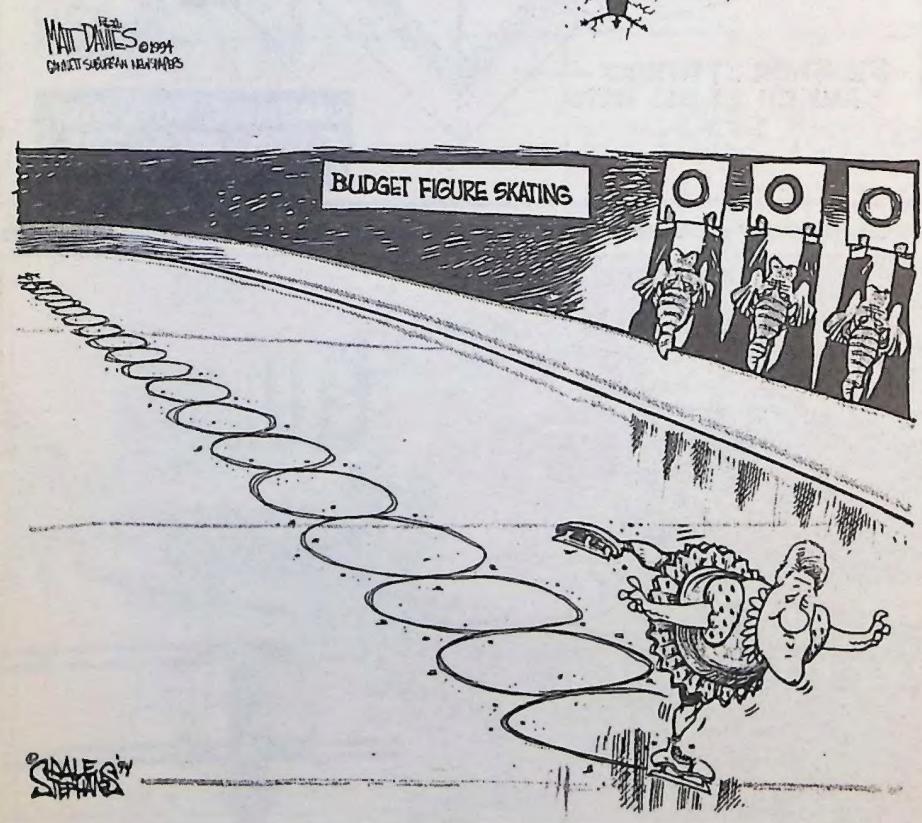
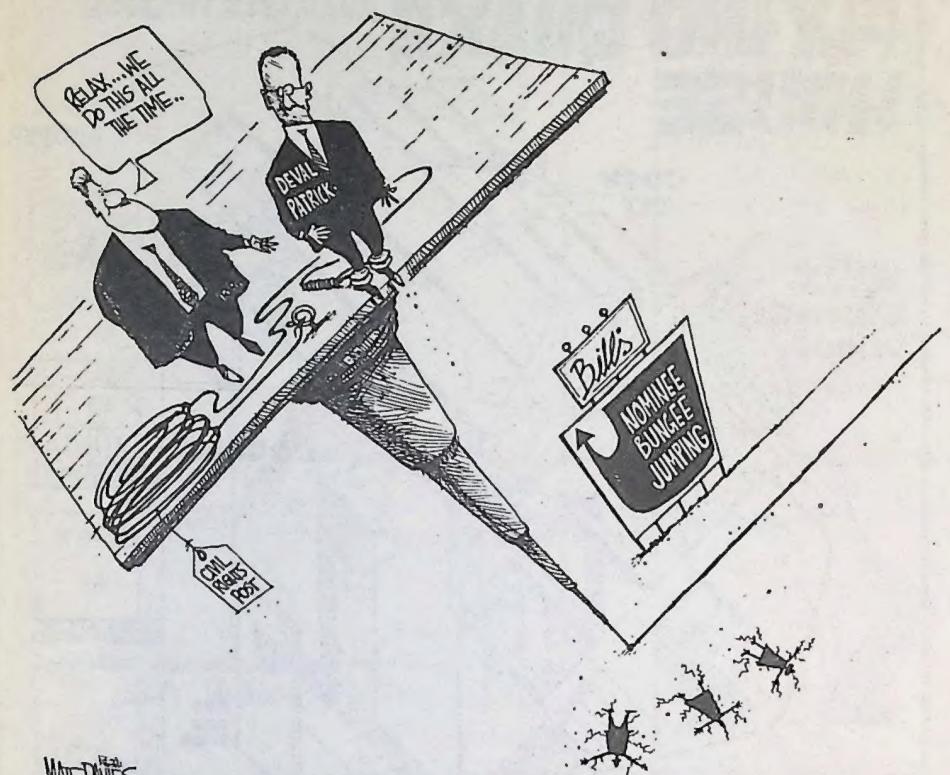


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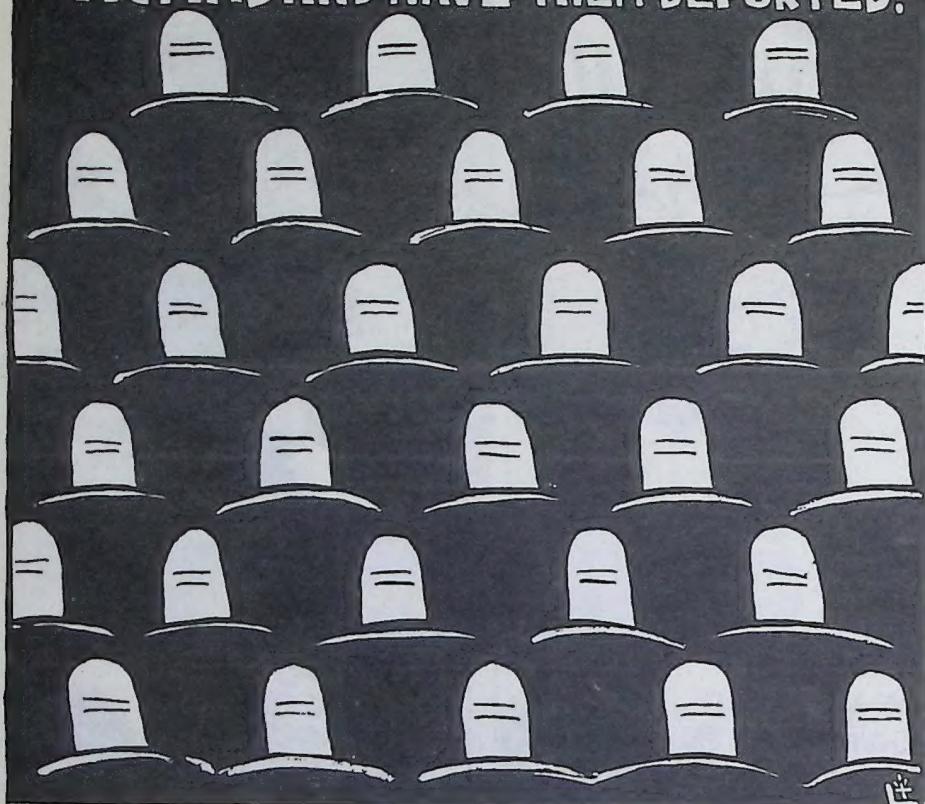


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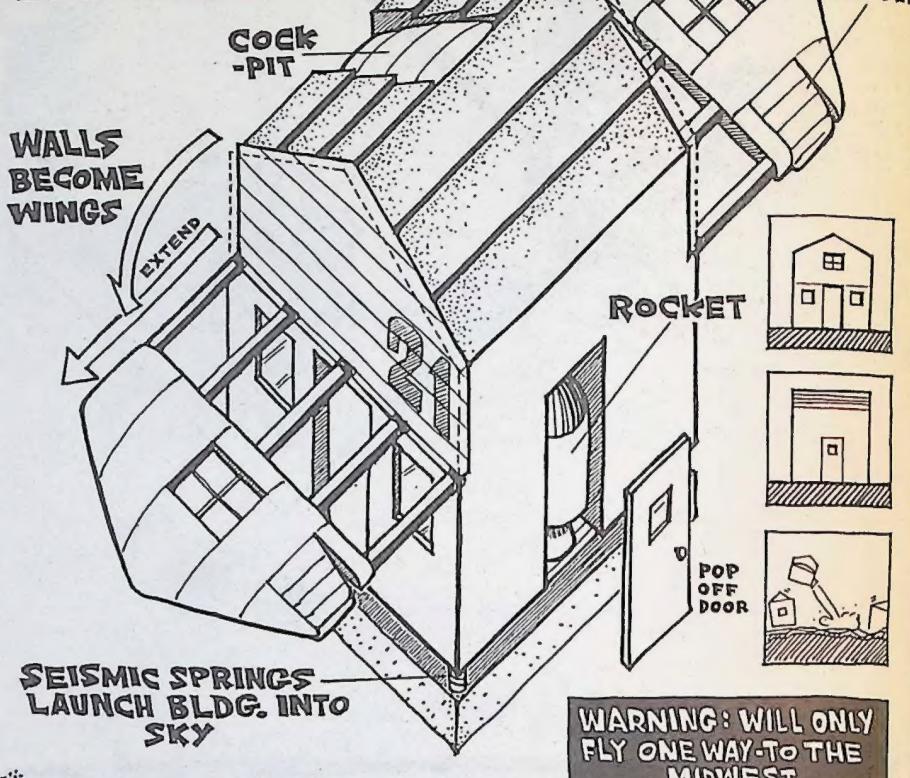
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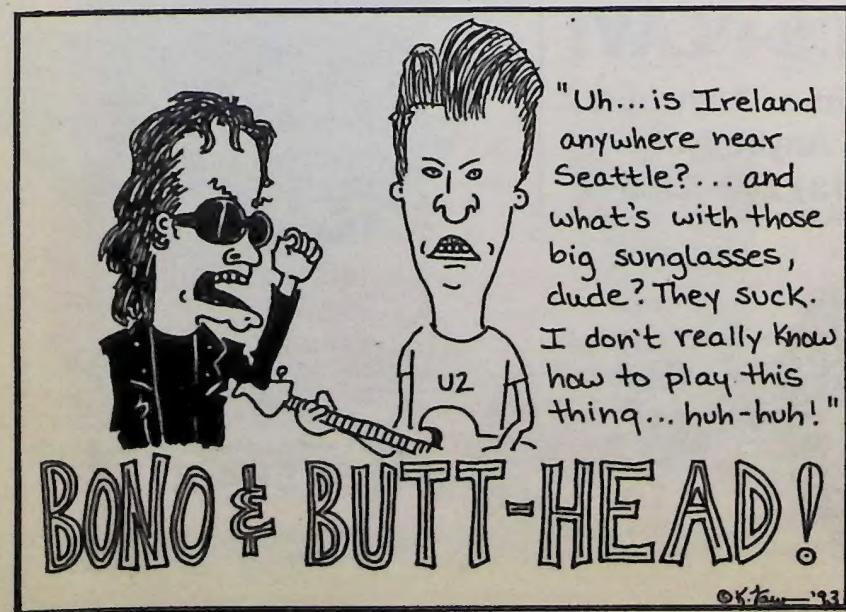
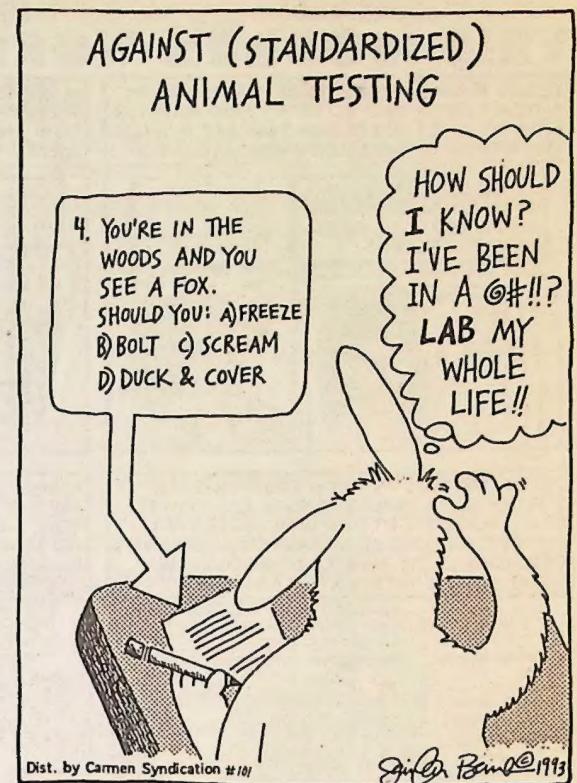
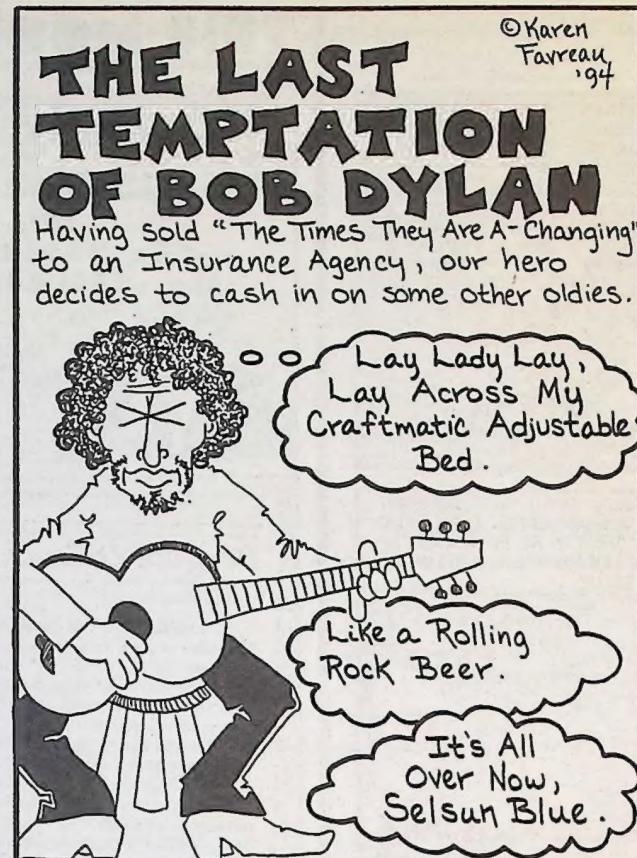
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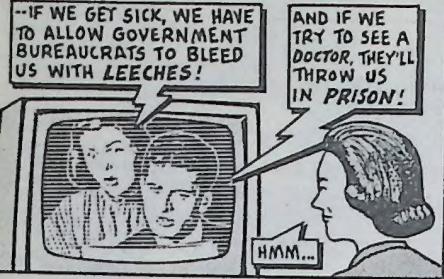
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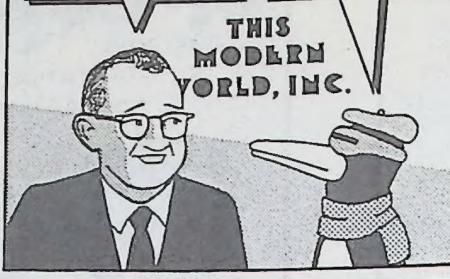
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Penguin Defends Verbosity

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Mr. Penguin said, "I mean, if you take that line of reasoning to its logical extreme, people wouldn't want any articles or reviews or features in their newspaper either! They'd want nothing but photographs and colorful charts!"

"Now, Sparky," interjected the cartoon's business manager, Bob Friendly, "we don't want to offend our editors! Maybe we could just try

it their way — it might even make our strip a little more marketable!"

"So what you're saying is that you think we should make an effort to be more accessible," replied Mr. Penguin. The seemingly beleaguered Mr. Friendly responded enthusiastically in the affirmative, and Mr. Penguin continued, "I think I understand. Instead of all this dialogue, you'd rather see more —

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Q. What's the greenish color around the yolk of a hard-boiled egg?
A. Sulfur and iron compounds formed by overcooking.

In Shakespeare's England, people could use eels for money.

If you've held eight jobs by the time you're 40, you're typical, says an employment researcher.

Albert Einstein said, "Nationalism is an infantile disease. It is the measles of mankind."

Research suggests that most people have a hard time grasping that the inside of the sun rotates six times faster than the outside of the sun.

Q. Back in the bare-knuckle boxing days, how long did the rounds last?
A. As long as both fighters were on their feet. When one fighter hit the dirt, he had 30 seconds to rest, plus eight seconds to get up to the scratch line drawn across the center of the ring. If he didn't make it in the 38 seconds, it was said he was "knocked out of time." That's where we got "knocked out." It's also where we got "starting from scratch."

If you've been married to the same partner for more than seven years, your chances of staying married are better than average.

One person in 20 never catches a cold.

The fingernails of some people contain certain minerals, chemicals and dyes that absorb enough ultra violet light to glow in the dark.

A student of print periodicals tells us that people in the United States now are less frequently called "citizens" than "consumers."

Q. What's the show time, not counting commercials, of a half-hour TV sitcom?

A. Two acts, each 11 minutes.

More people use blue toothbrushes than red toothbrushes.

Rarely do you see on the lists of "greatest inventions" one some say belongs there: The American Public Library system.

Now on the market in Tokyo, I'm told, are toupees for dachshunds.

A baby giraffe grows an inch a day.

Q. In all those wagon train trips westward in the frontier years, how many pioneers were actually killed in battles with Native Americans?
A. Between 300 and 400.

Nothing in Major League baseball rules say a bat can't weigh as much as 100 pounds.

There was a time in London, England, when letter carriers delivered mail 12 times a day.

In a later crew of Columbus was one Rodrigo de Jerez, said to have been the first European of record to smoke tobacco. Back home, astonished witnesses told the Inquisitors they'd seen a man blowing smoke out his nose, and the Inquisitors promptly threw him in the dungeon as an agent of the Devil.

All kangaroos cough when frightened.

Researchers reveal that females who make New Year's resolutions outnumber males who do so by about two to one.

Before ancient Egyptians kept household cats, they kept household weasels.

A Wells Fargo circular 100 years ago warned passengers it was absolutely forbidden to discuss stagecoach robberies or Indian uprisings. Not unlike today's airline ban on any talk of hijacking.

The first voice to be broadcast on radio around the world belonged to C.D. Wagoner of Schenectady, N.Y.

People have been killed by avalanches even though the plunging snows stopped before reaching them. Compressed air ahead of an avalanche can kill too.

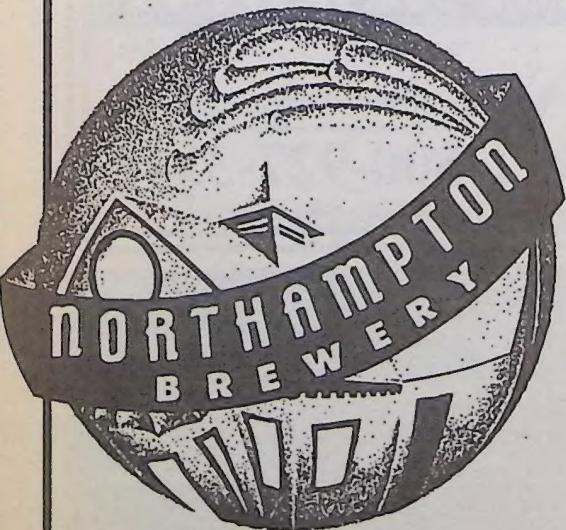
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Everybody's getting ready for the Big Hoo-haw Celebration of the Year 2000, when the fundamentalists think the world is gonna explode, and the New Agers think we'll be transported into Oz, and most people think we'll just get another boring Republican president.

But *everybody* thinks *something* will happen, or at least it's *important* that we realize that it's 2,000 years after the birth of Christ — even the people who don't *believe* in Christ. In fact, some people don't even call it the year 2000 A.D., which stands for "Anno Domini," which means "The Year of The Lord." They've started using 2000 C.E., which means "Common Era." To which I say, if they're gonna change it, couldn't they come up with something a little more *snazzy*? "Common Era." It sounds like a lazy teenager's name for it. "I guess I'll lie here on the couch today —

it's just another day in the Common Era."

So anyhow, the idea of the year 2000 got me to wondering what they did to celebrate the year 1000. After all, if you're into numbers, that celebration should be a bigger deal than the *second* thousand years.

In fact, why don't we ever talk about the *first* thousand years after Christ?

Most of us act like history starts in the year 1776. Some of us are willing to go back to 1619, or 1607. People in England go back to 1066. But when it comes to those first thousand years, we *just don't think about it*. (I won't even mention the years *before* Christ. For the last ten years, they've been trying to get all the classical Greek and Roman writers kicked out of the college curriculum.)

But the people who were living in the year 1000, they *had*

to think about it. And if they thought about it, they probly thought:

Wow! A lotta water under the bridge. A thousand years ago, the Romans were killing the Christians. Then 700 years ago a Roman emperor *became* a Christian. Then about 600 years ago the Romans started killing the *non-Christians*. Then about 300 years ago the Romans and the Greeks divided up into two different Christian churches. The Goths came out of nowhere and took over half of Europe. The Huns came out of nowhere and went *back* to nowhere. We had the Avars, the Bulgars, the Persians, we probly had five million people die in various wars. We had nine or ten plagues, we had the Franks take over everything under Charlemagne. There was that time when North Africa was the center of civilization. We had religious wars, land wars, family

wars, wars with barbarians. In fact, so much has happened, and so many empires have come and gone, and everything is so totally changed, that it makes you grateful to live in the modern year 1000, when everything is finally settled and peaceful, and whatever you are — a Persian or a Khazar or a Roman or a Bulgar tribesman — at least you're safe from having your whole civilization destroyed. In fact, let's plant a little marker here on the square of Ctesiphon, the most famous city in the East, and a thousand years from now all the citizens of Ctesiphon will remember us and know that we made it all possible.

I imagine it was something like that, anyhow.

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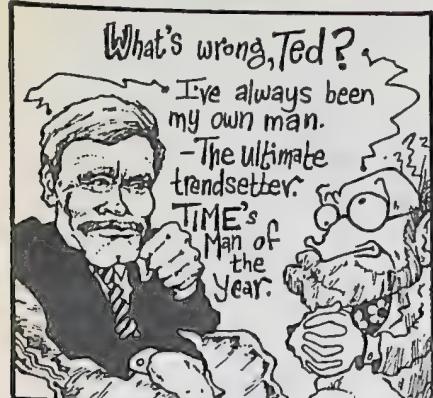
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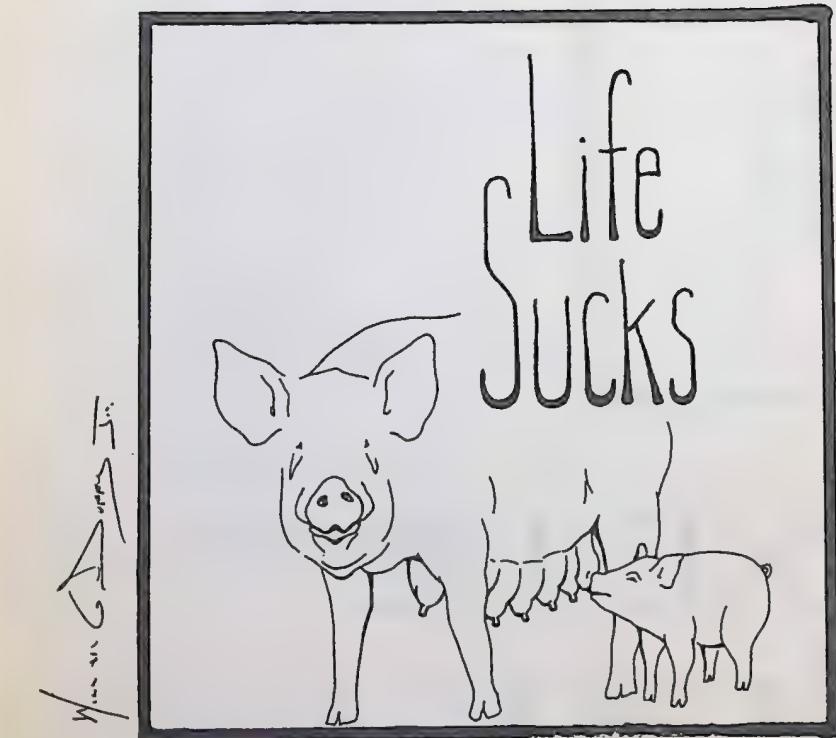
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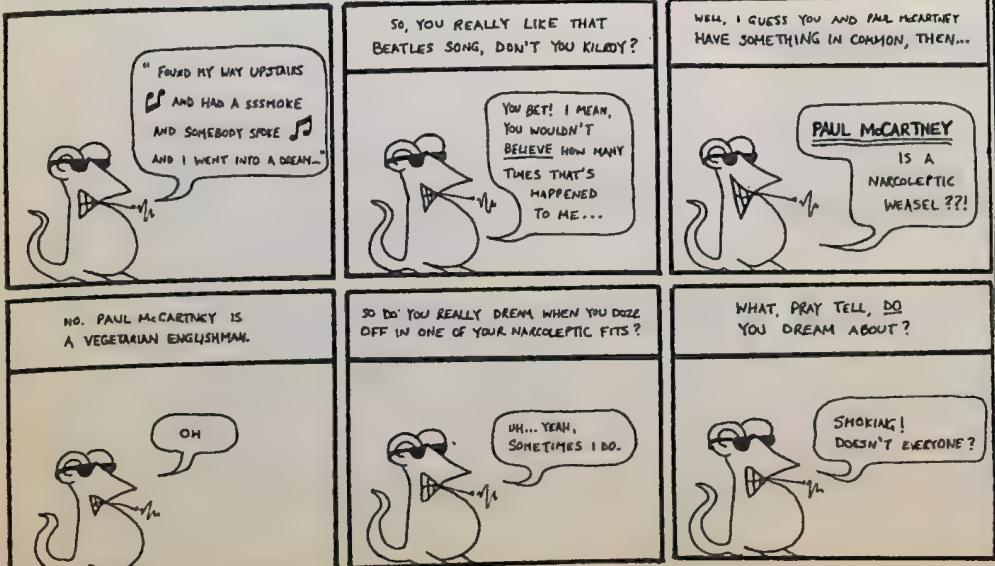
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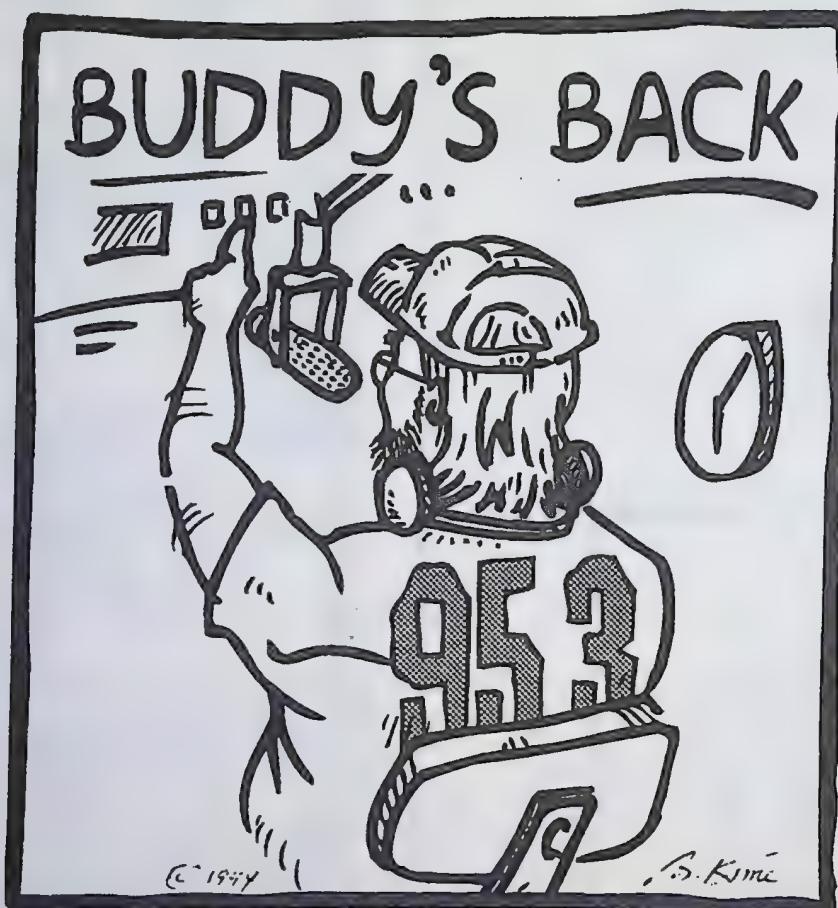
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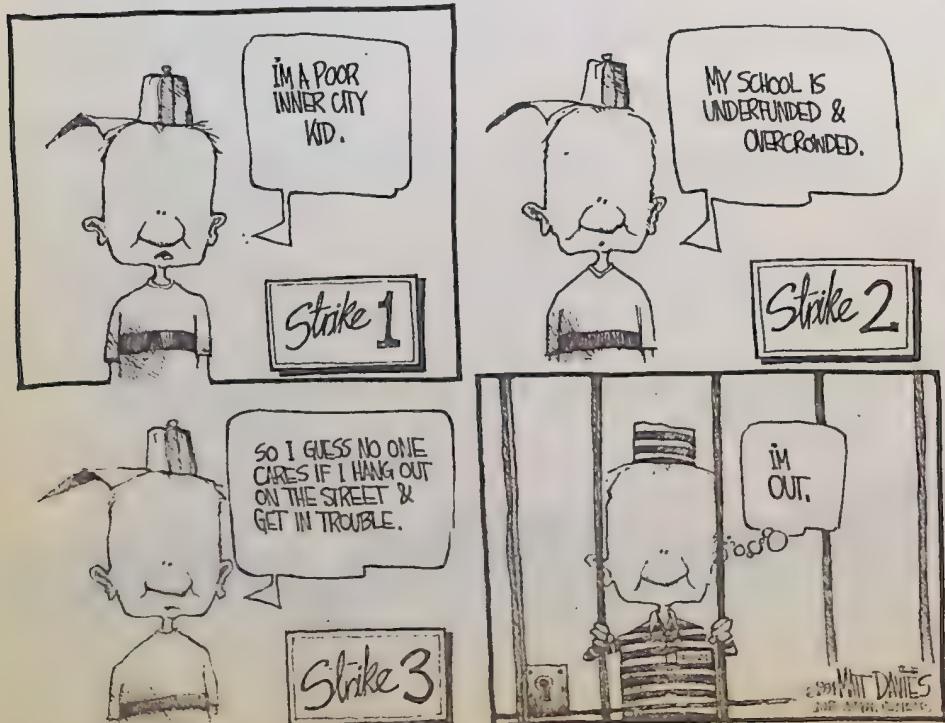


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FRI
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Pearl Street: Debbie Davies Band, G. Love & Special Sauce, plus top 40 dance music w/ DJ Bob Bay State Hotel: Blood Oranges, Kevin Salem, Barbara Keith Band Charlemont Inn: Montenia Delaney House: LaValley Duo Harvest Valley: Kirby Farrell Quartet Green River Cafe: Barwa Peking Garden/Humor Works: showcase & open mic Seven O's: Sundown Hadley Pub: Big Time Band w/ Jimmy Johnson Iron Horse: Aztec Two-STep, She's Busy Smith College Theatre: Polywise, by Andrea Hairston UMass Fine Arts Center: George Clinton & the P-Funk All-Stars, featuring Parliament/Funkadelic

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SUN
TWENTYSEVEN

Green River Cafe: Carla Sciaky Northampton Brewery: Chris O'Connor & Friends, Stu Getz Band Bay State Hotel: Arthur Lee & Love, The Veronica Cartwrights Seven O's: open mic UMass Fine Arts Center: Erie Mills, soprano Pearl Street: Charlie Daniels, Bear Mountain, plus Teen Dance Party Northampton Center for the Arts: The Really Big Show, w/ Sleeveless Theater, Sy Becker, & other amazing acts (at Academy of Music), plus Guest Chef Dinner w/ Michael Ford (at Green St. Cafe) Charlemont Inn: Mary Service (5-8pm) Playwrights-In-Progress (56 Sheerman Lane, Amherst): final reading of *George Bush Is My Father* (by Herschel Shohan; dir. by Keishya Salko)

MON
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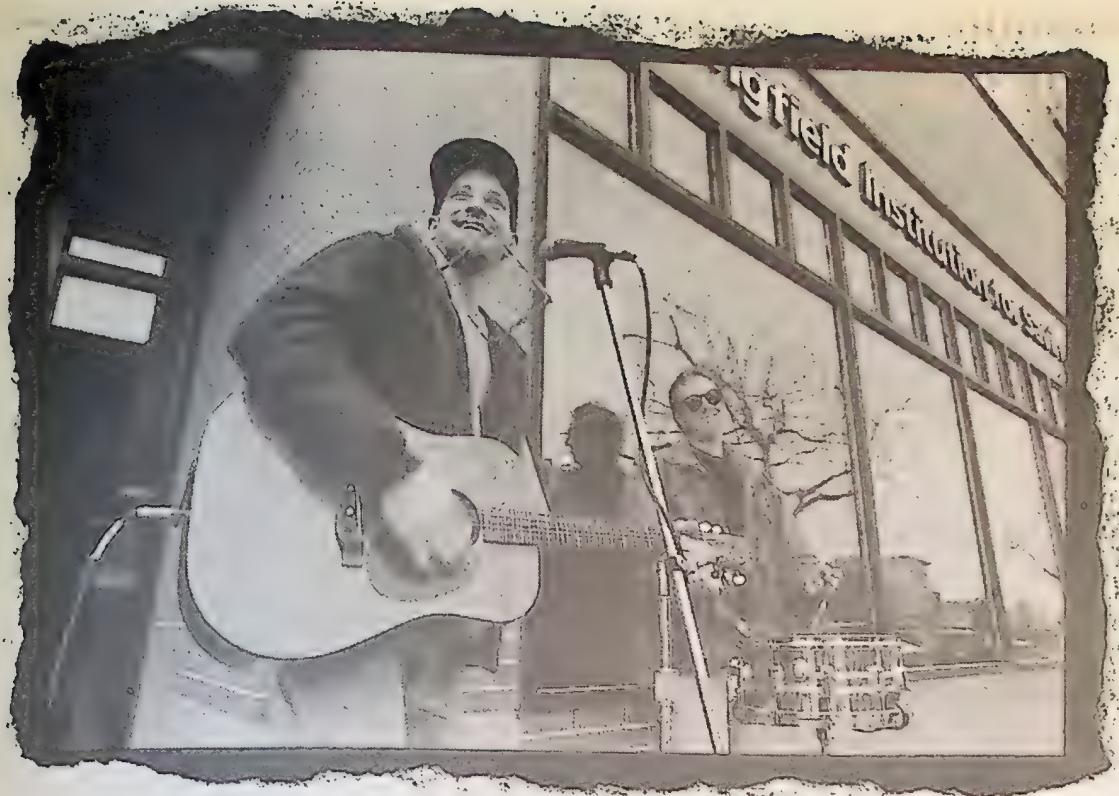
Northampton Center for the Arts: Paul Kengmo, Joseph Ngwa — dance, storytelling, drumming Bay State Hotel: Blue Monday, w/ Ed Vadas & The Fabulous Heavyweights Vertex: Gay Nite w/ DJ Steve Iron Horse: Luka Bloom

TUE
ONE

Northampton Brewery: open mic, w/ Mark Herschler Iron Horse: Luka Bloom Hadley Pub: Stuart's open mic Pearl Street: Yngwie Malmsteen, Rapid Symphony UMass Fine Arts Center: Martha Graham Dance Company — Appalachian Spring

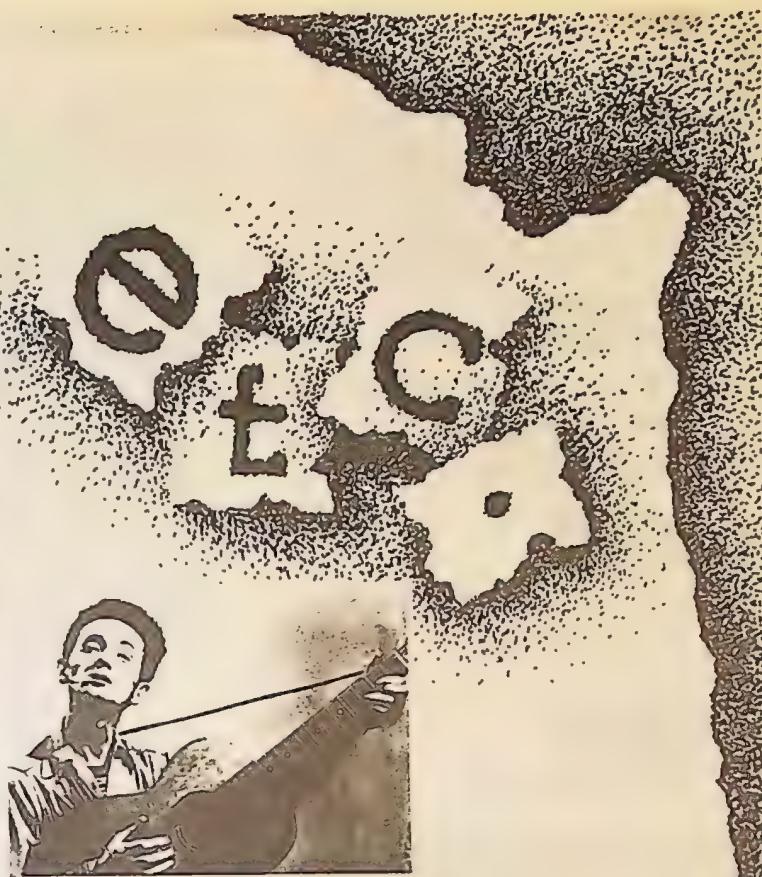
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Hadley Pub: Reggae night Pearl Street: Gay Night — dancing to music by Spin, Inc. Bay State Hotel: Dish, Mother Holly, Hamlet Idiot Northampton Brewery: Sarah Burrill



Rob Skelton and Dave Durst at street level, Noho

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THU
THREE

Seven O's: karaoke night Bay State Hotel: Steve Westfield's Slow Band, Scud Mountain Boys, Painesville Lanes Hadley Pub: new country music w/ DJ Mike Perkins Pearl Street: Toasters, plus 18+ hip-hop dancing to music by Spin, Inc. Vertex: Selectrocution Amherst College: Count Basie Orchestra

FRI
FOUR

Bay State Hotel: Angry Johnny & The Killbillies Pearl Street: The Machine Seven O's: Slippery Moon Iron Horse: Dan Hicks UMass New World Theater: Marga Gomez (comedy) Delaney's: Lavalley Duo Green River Cafe: The Gutterbirds (Jim Armenti, Pan Morrigan) Common Ground (Bratt.): Uproot Hadley Pub: Big Time Band w/ Jimmy Johnson Peking Garden/Humor Works: showcase & open mic Harvest Valley Restaurant: Dave Brinnell UMass Fine Arts Center: Dance Umbrella's Fascinating Rhythms (jazz tap)

SAT
FIVE

Green River Cafe: Under The House Hadley Pub: Florida Evans Band Bay State Hotel: Minibus, Swampgirl Harvest Valley Restaurant: Jac Veronesi UMass Fine Arts Center: Tom Paxton (11 am) Seven O's: Slippery Moon Delaney's: Lavalley Duo The Tea House (formerly Basha's): jazz trombonist Brian Bender & Trio Iron Horse: Alison Brown, Elizabeth Cutler Pearl Street: Chucklehead

SUN
SIX

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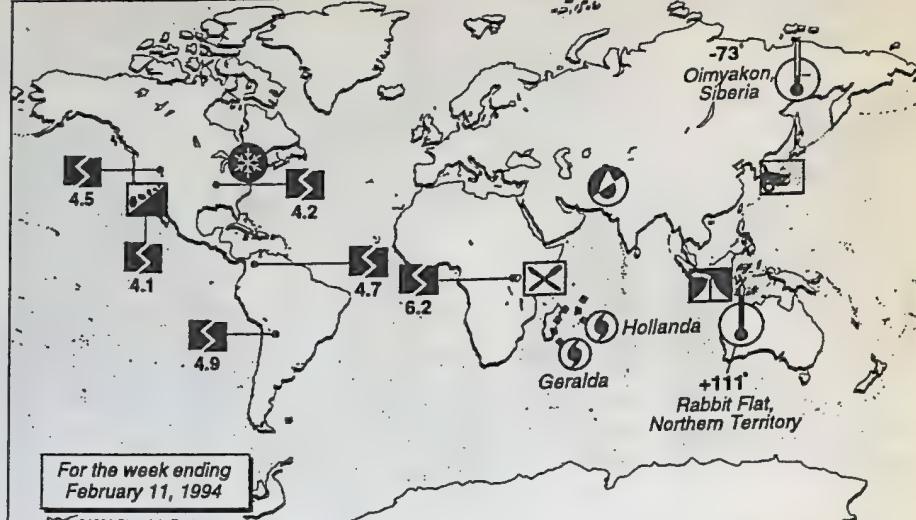
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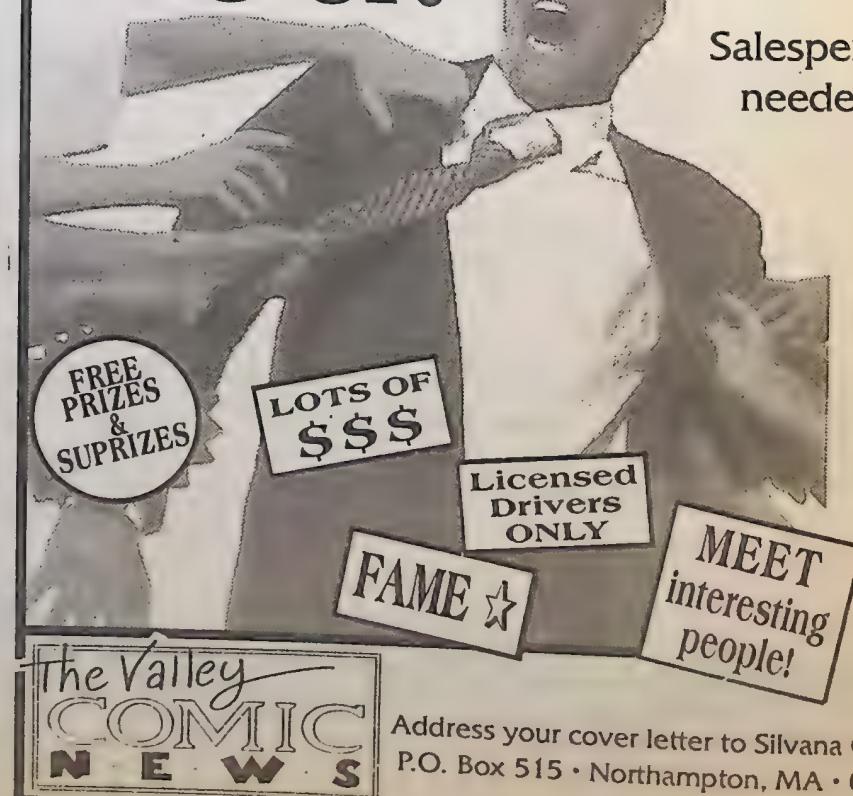
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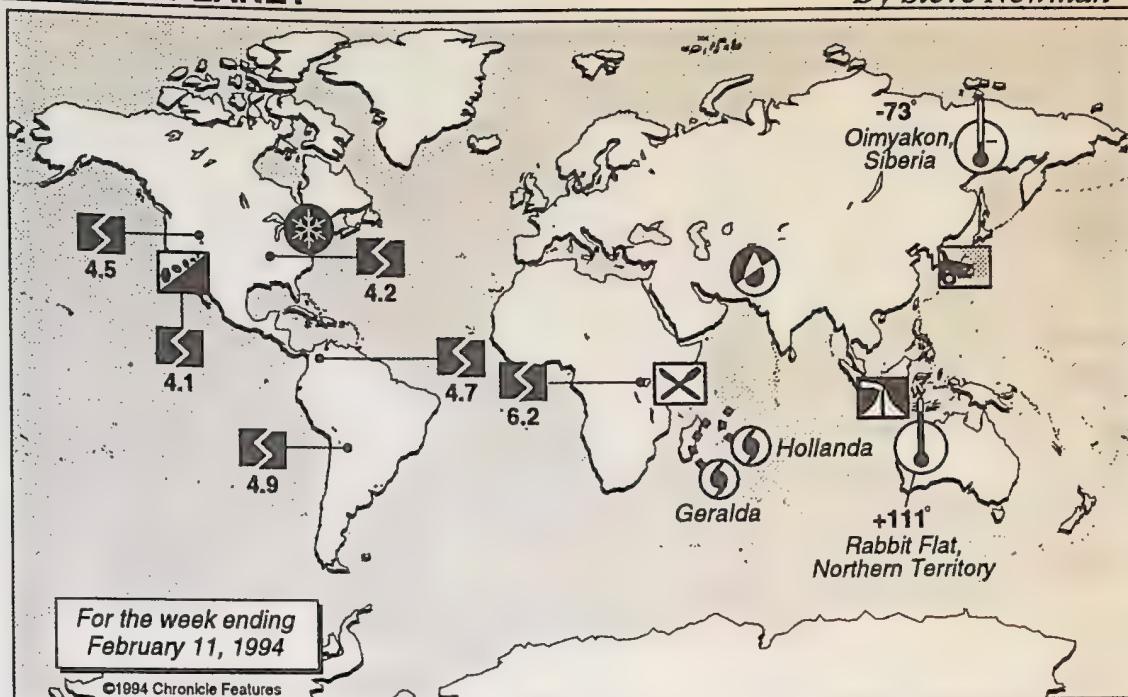
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THE SPORTS BOOK OF NOSTRADAMUS

by Leo T. Baldwin

Michelle de Nostredame was born on December 14, 1503. He is known to us as "Nostradamus — the seer, the celestial prophet, *the man who saw the future.*" This is a load of crap. Nostradamus was a gifted prognosticator, sure. But he employed his great gift solely to forecast professional sports.

Few people realize what a sports nut Nostradamus was. His mother once found him swinging a stick at a butternut and muttering, "The Babe promised a boy in the hospital he'd hit a homer for him, and now he's done it! The crowd's going crazy!" Mrs. Nostradamus had no idea what this meant, but we can make no mistake.

By the age of 18, Nostradamus was an accomplished bowler and pool player. He once ran three racks in a game of billiards against Catherine de Medici, a feat that would have earned a lesser man a beheading. These are facts conveniently overlooked by the pseudo-intellectuals who have worked so hard to make Nostradamus into something he never was.

Nostradamus wrote his predictions in a type of verse called a *quatraine* — a four-line poem. It's certainly no coincidence that baseball has *four* bases, and football is played in *four* quarters with *four* downs. Golfers yell "*fore*" prior to striking the ball. It's well-known that Nostradamus hated hockey, which is played in *three* periods.

At this point we should illustrate a few examples of Nostradamus' great gifts. Take this quatrain:

Before long everything will be organized.

We await a very evil century:

The lot of the masked and solitary one greatly changed,
Few will be found who wish to stay in their places.

The first line clearly refers to the upcoming realignment of the American and National leagues into three divisions. The "evil century" in line two foretells the implementation of the designated hitter rule and inter-league play. The "masked and solitary one greatly changed" is a reference to the late Thurman Munson (catcher for the Yankees), who nobody really liked, but everybody felt bad when he got killed. "Few will be found who wish to stay in their places": *I hate free agency; you hate free agency; Nostradamus hated free agency.*

It's so sad that nobody was paying attention to Nostradamus when the World Series opened in Candlestick Park on October 17, 1989. A lot of anguish might have been avoided:

Earth shaking from the center of the Earth

Will cause the towers (light stands) around the New City (the Giants moved to San Francisco in 1958) to shake:

Two great rocks will war for a long time (a reference to the delay of the "Fall Classic"),

And then Arethas will color a new river red
(I'll get back to you on this one).

There will be a tremendous earthquake;

The great theater filled (with fans) will be ruined (almost).

The plight of the Boston Red Sox seems to have been one of Nostradamus' special concerns. Tom Yawkey's death and the suffering of his widow, Jean, who took over sole ownership after his passing, is wrapped up in a neat package and presented to us with a great big red bow in this quatrain:

The lady left alone in the realm

Her husband first extinguished on the bed of honor:

For seven years she will weep with grief (the '86 Series),

Then a long life and good fortune for the Kingdom.

Who could forget the picture of Jean Yawkey in the Red Sox locker room waiting for the presentation of the World Series trophy — a trophy that never came? I still haven't gotten over it. The last line of this prophecy might lead us to believe that better days lie ahead for Sox fans. Unfortunately, in this case "Kingdom" refers to heaven, or the afterlife. Meaning: the only relief for followers of the Crimson Hose is death.

Finally, this example — also familiar to Boston sports fans:

The year the great seventh number is accomplished

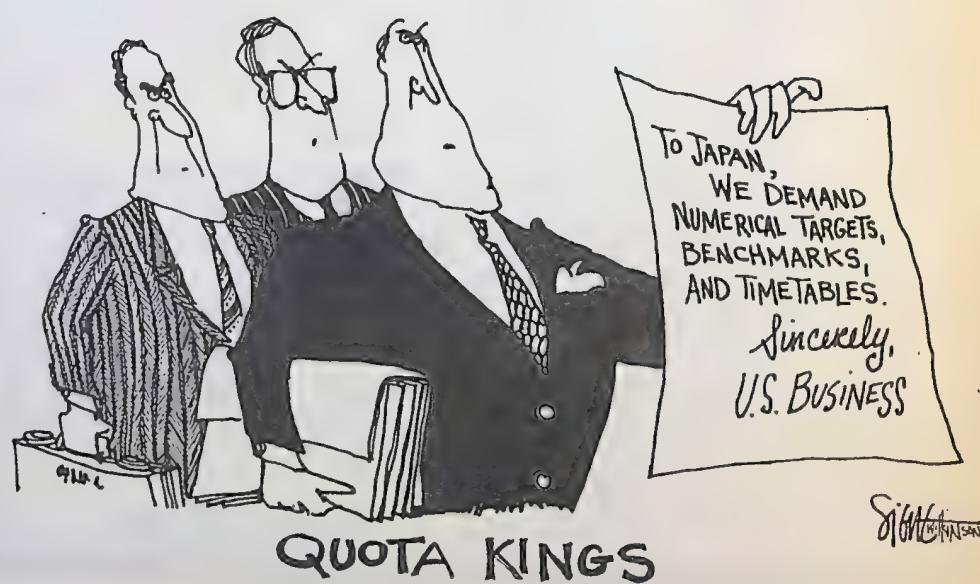
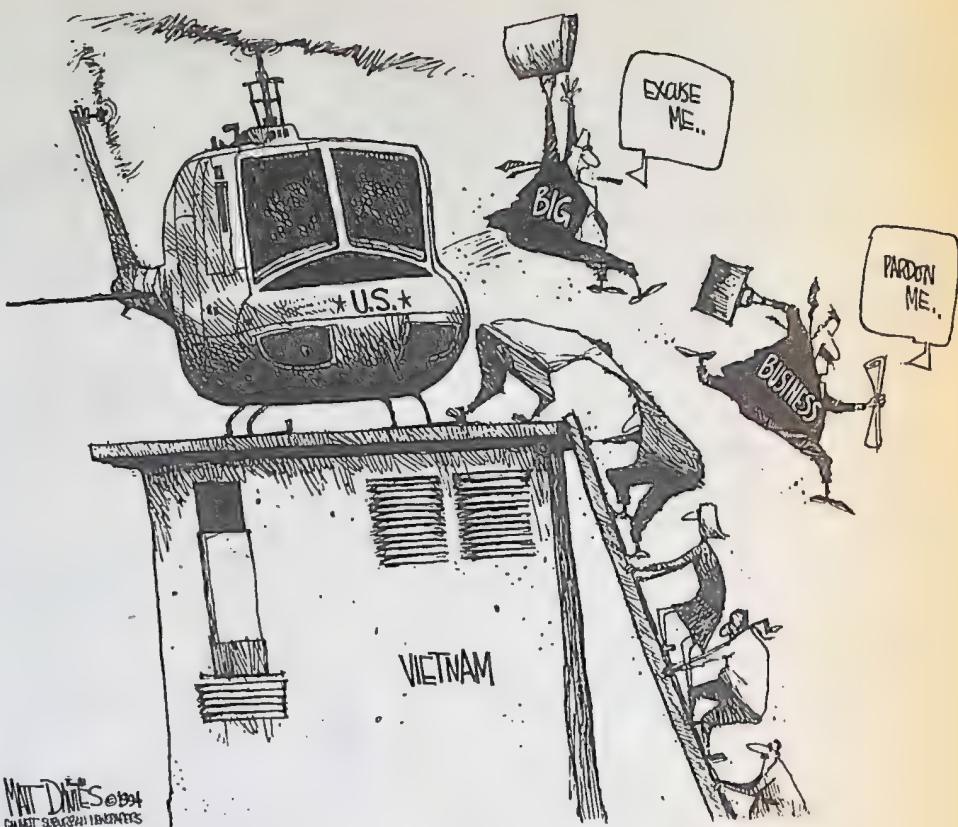
Appearing at the time of the games of slaughter,
Not far from the age of the great millennium
When the dead will come out of their graves.

This can only mean: "Here's the inbounds pass, and Havliceck steals it! Havliceck steals the ball! Havliceck stole the ball!! John Havliceck stole the ball!!!!"

Countless references to other sports abound in the teachings of Nostradamus, but unfortunately our space is limited. I'll leave you with a final amazing incident, when Nostradamus lay on his deathbed. His lifelong friend, Chuck, was with him and wrote in his diary later: "As the moment of death approached, Michelle — the great Nostradamus, who once bowled a 299 — called me close to him. In a voice I could barely hear, he whispered, 'If the Bills play in the Super Bowl, bet the over.' What could this mean? Truly this was a mysterious man!"

Truly. In January, I won fifty bucks betting the over.

DOLLAR DIPLOMACY



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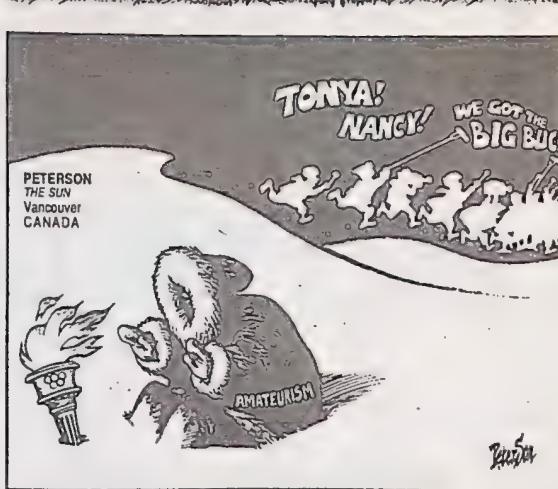


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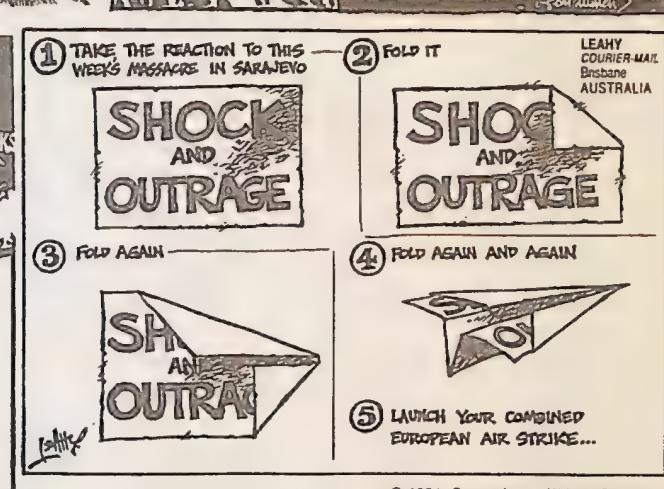
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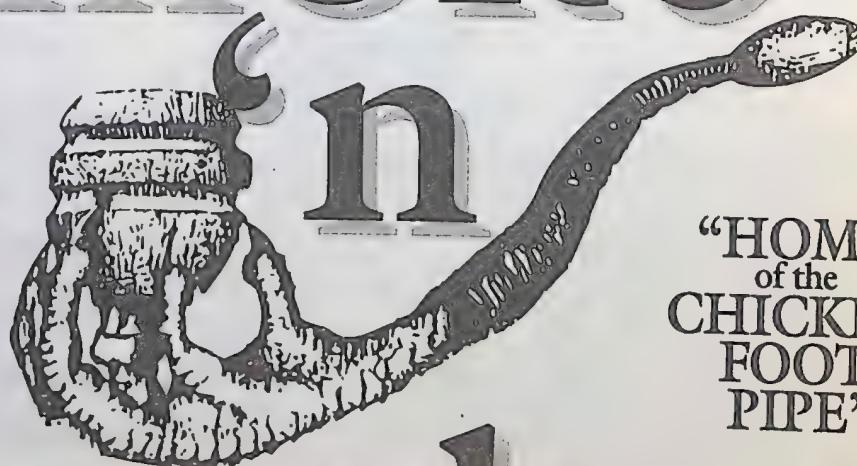
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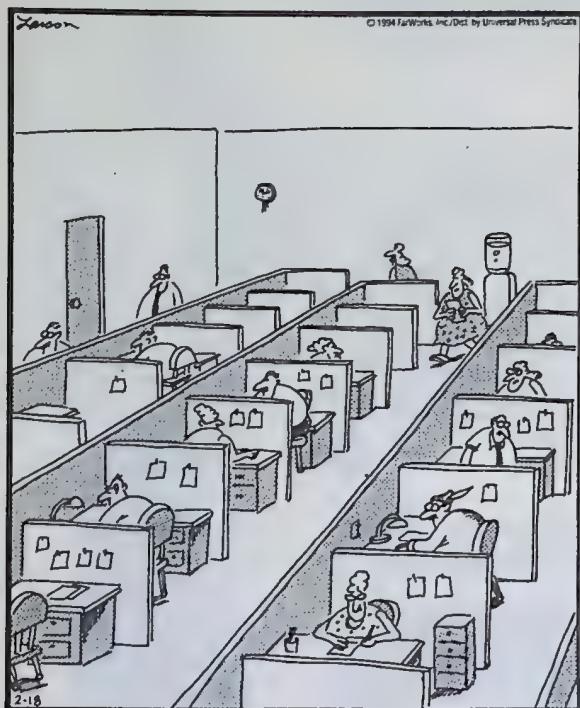
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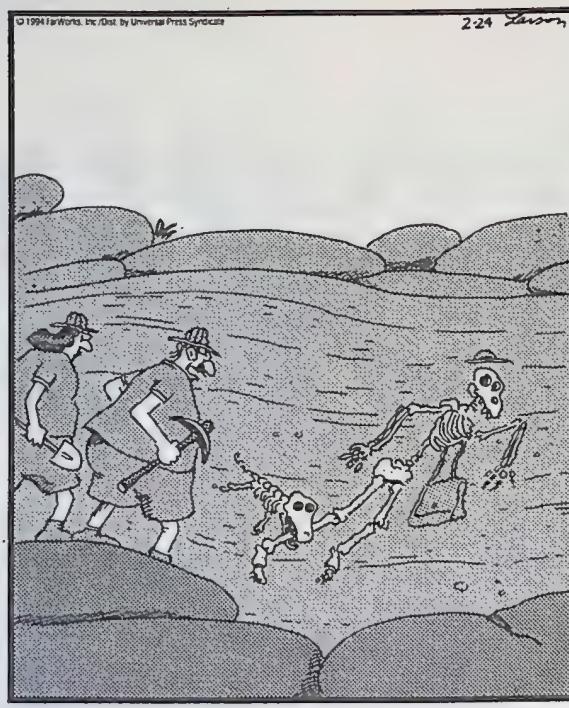
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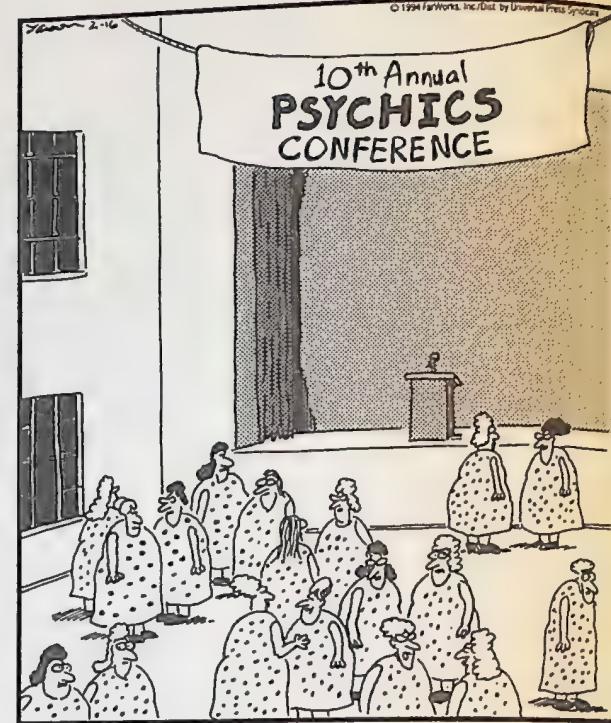
By GARY LARSON



Thirty years had passed, and although he had no real regrets about marrying Wendy, buying a home and having two kids, Peter found his thoughts often going back to his life in Never-Never-Land.



What a find, Ms. Dinkins! ... It's Mailman, all right — but remarkably, this specimen is fully intact, with his *Canus nipponicus* still attached!



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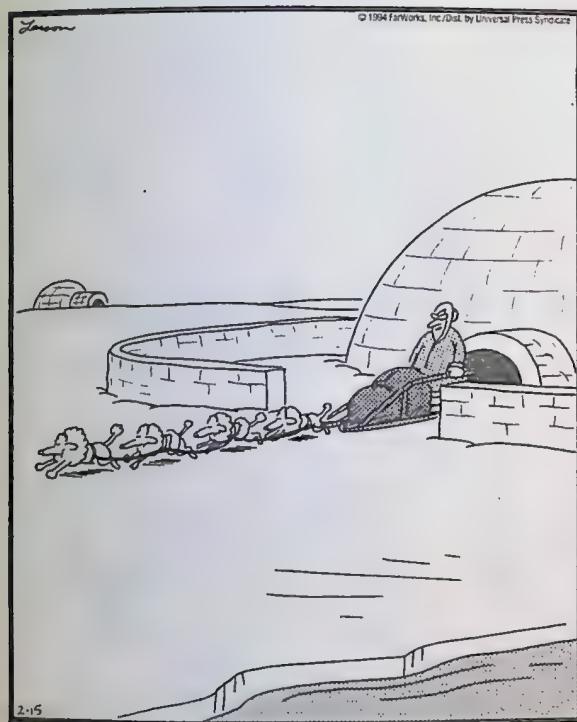
This time, his practical jokes had gone too far, and Wally was finally booted off the hill.



"Sorry, Kevin, but my friends have all advised me not to run with you anymore."



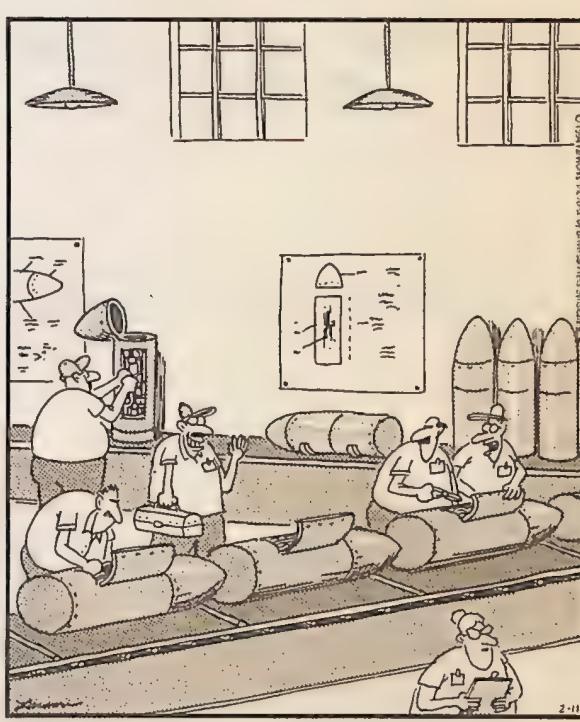
"Sorry, Bobby, but you know the rule — no swimming for a week after eating."



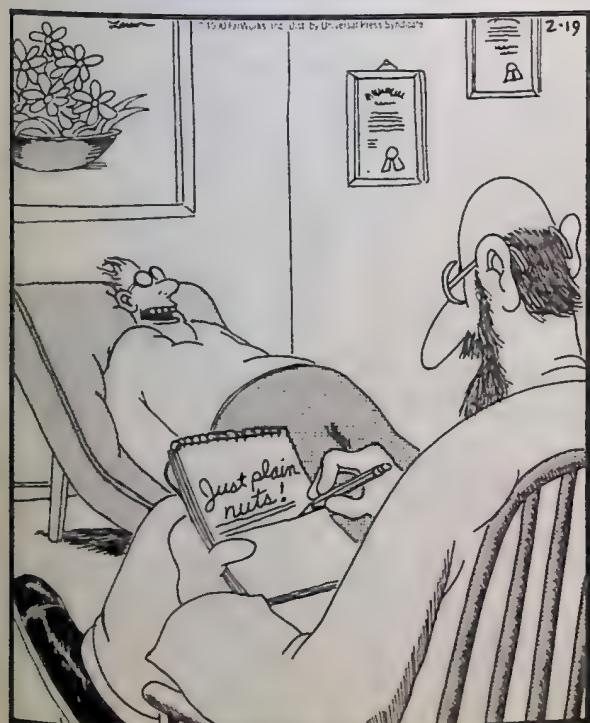
Beverly Hills of the North Pole



"Well, yes, that is the downside, Fluffy. ... When we kill her, the pampering will end."



"Well, here he comes ... Mr. Never-Makes-a-Dud."



"What? MacDougal is being promoted over me? ... Well, that does it! I won't take no orders from no stinkin' sodbuster!"



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BY: LEO T. BALDWIN,
BUDDY RUBBISH,
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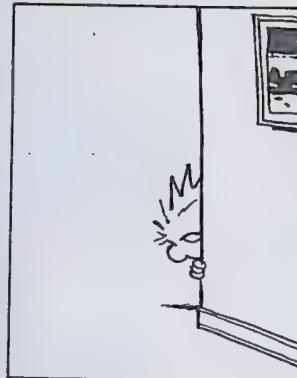
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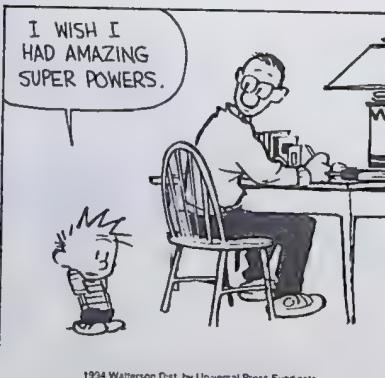


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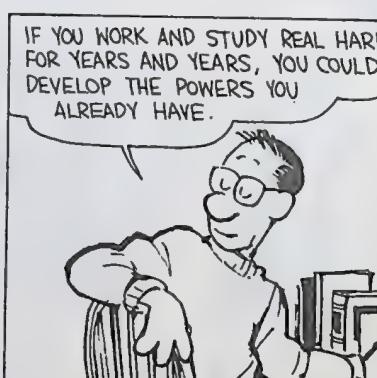


OK, IT'S HARDER
THAN IT LOOKS.

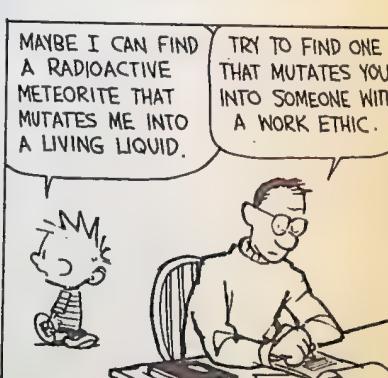
GOODNESS, HOW DID
YOU GUYS EVER LIVE
LONG ENOUGH TO
INVENT TOOLS?



I WISH I
HAD AMAZING
SUPER POWERS.



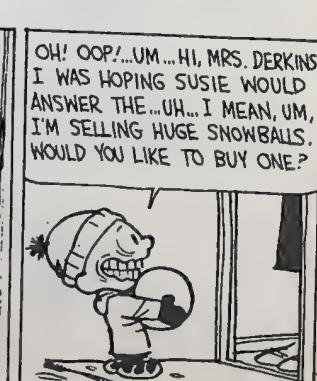
IF YOU WORK AND STUDY REAL HARD
FOR YEARS AND YEARS, YOU COULD
DEVELOP THE POWERS YOU
ALREADY HAVE.



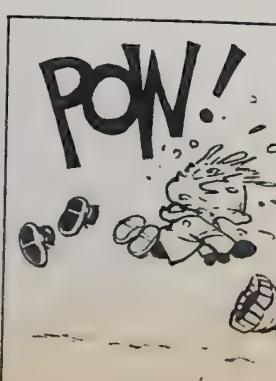
MAYBE I CAN FIND
A RADIOACTIVE
METEORITE THAT
MUTATES ME INTO
A LIVING LIQUID.

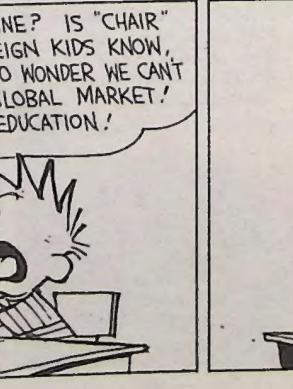
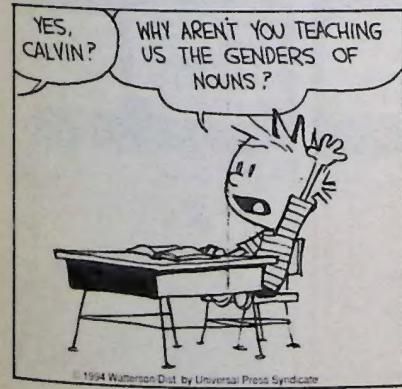
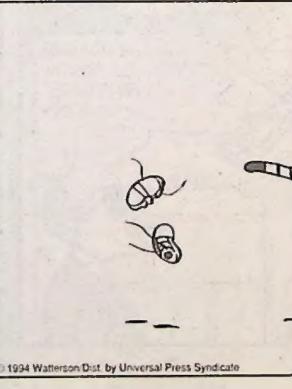
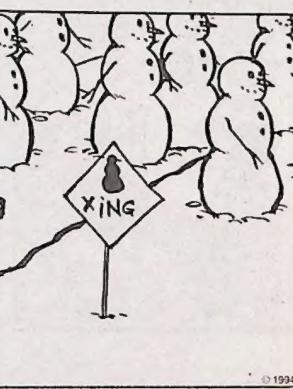
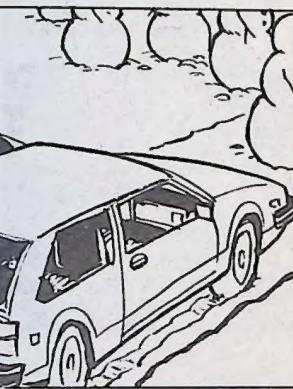
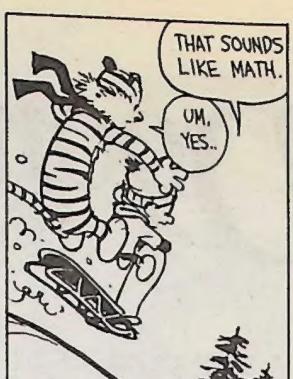
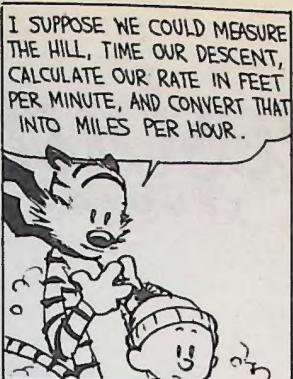
TRY TO FIND ONE
THAT MUTATES YOU
INTO SOMEONE WITH
A WORK ETHIC.

MY "PLAN A'S" ARE GREAT,
BUT MY "PLAN B'S" LEAVE
A LOT TO BE DESIRED.



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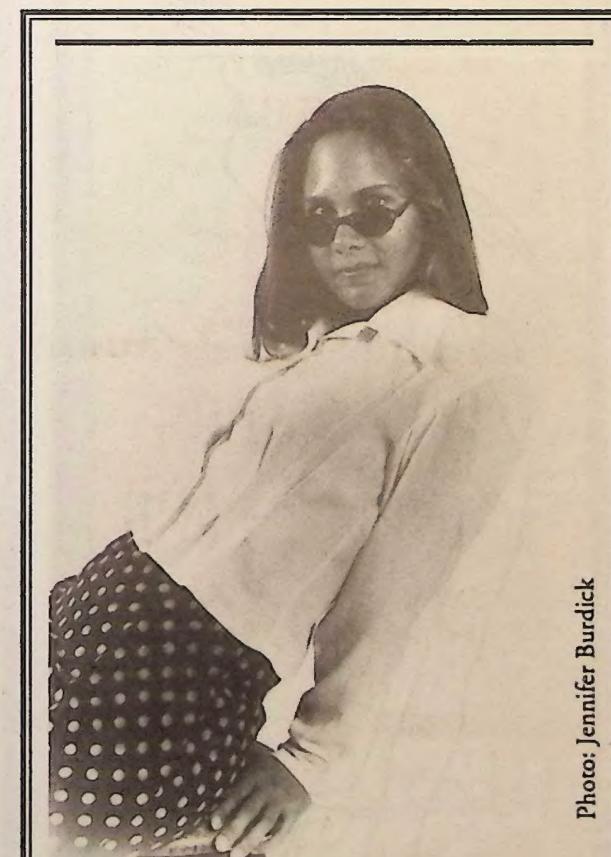
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My friend Normie had a talent for finding money. He'd save up and take us out for burgers and chips all the time.

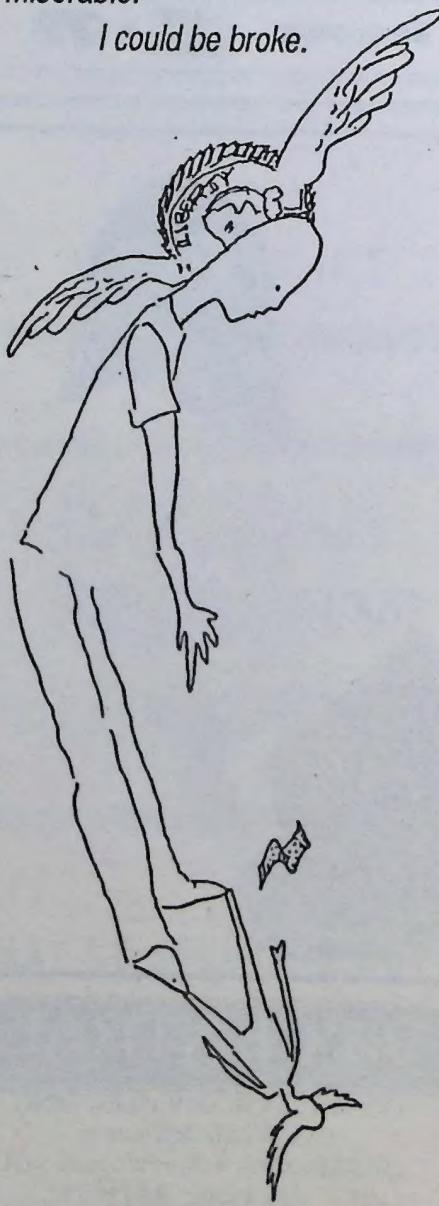
He was depressed a lot. So, he'd mope around with his head hanging down ...looking down, and he'd find money just sitting on the ground. Wow.

I saw him yesterday. He said for about a year his cousin has been making him go to therapy.

He's pretty happy nowadays but doesn't have as much money.

I should be thankful I'm miserable.

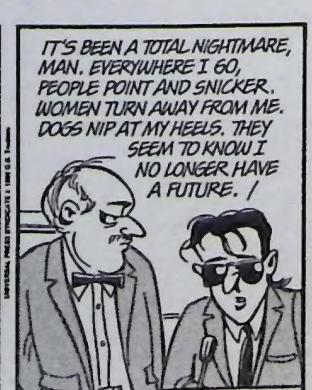
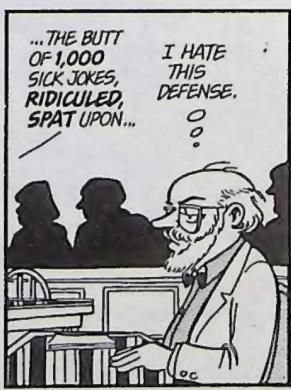
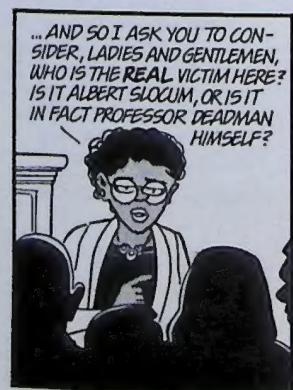
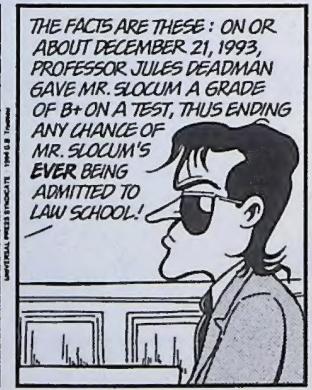
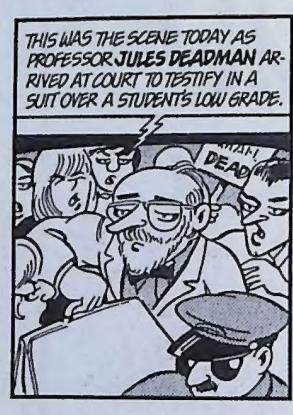
I could be broke.



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